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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1968.

BOROUGH OF NEATH.

MEMBERS OF NEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1968.

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Vice-Chairman	Councillor D. G. John.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health	...	A.G.Alexander, B.Sc.,M.B.,B.Ch.,D.F.H.,
Senior Public Health Inspector	...	G.J.Phillips, C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.,R.S.I. Meat Cert.
District Public Health Inspector	...	T.G.Hopkins, C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.,R.S.I. Meat Cert.(Retired 31/5/68)
		J.H.James, C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B., R.S.I. Meat Cert.
		Mrs.M.E.Hopkins, (Resigned 1/7/68) C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.,R.S.I. Meat Cert.
		G.Hughes-Williams,C.R.S.I.& S.I.E.J.B.,R.S.I. Meat Cert. (Commenced 4/9/68)
Student Public Health Inspector	...	Miss L. Richards.
Meals-on-Wheels Supervisor	...	Mrs. S. Thornbery.
Technical Assistant	...	L. Havard.
Senior Clerk	...	Miss D.M. Bruce.
Junior Clerk	...	Miss F. Williams.
Rodent Operative	...	W. Evans.

Public Health Department,
Civic Centre,
Neath.
GLAM.

August 1969.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the Health Department for 1968.

VITAL STATISTICS:

The infant and perinatal mortality rates were still above those of the county and the U.K. and are a reflection of living standards including housing. Progress in reducing these rates is slow despite improvements in the Medical and Social Services. The illegitimate birth rate was down from the very high figure for 1957. 81 deaths were due to malignancy but those due to lung cancer were a relatively small proportion of the total. Ischaemic heart disease e.g. coronary thrombosis, accounted for almost 25% of the total deaths. Many of these deaths are thought to be preventable although the causes seem to be numerous and include, stress, heredity, hypertension, smoking and possibly our soft water supplies. Infectious diseases were virtually of no importance except for the 134 cases of measles which causes more chronic illness than is usually supposed. It is hoped that vaccination of infants against measles will be of considerable help in reducing both the number of cases and complications which often follow, but initially the number of applications from parents has been low.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE:

The general condition of the buildings at the Borough Abattoir at Eastland Road had deteriorated, and much work was needed to bring it up to a better standard. I reported fully on this matter and the Markets Committee authorised a considerable expenditure in order to improve matters.

MEALS ON WHEELS:

The total number of meals supplied during the year was 16,501. These were purchased from Messrs Vacarri. However the demand was greater than the capacity of this caterer and it was decided to set up a kitchen in co-operation with the Neath R.A.C. at Blaenhonddan School Bryncoch. Building operations commenced at the end of the year.

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STAFF:

It is with regret that I record the retirement through ill health of Mr T.G. Hopkins, who had been a Public Health Inspector in the department for many years. Mr Hopkins had carried on with his duties under great stress for sometime until forced to retire prematurely. I wish to thank him for his excellent work and co-operation during the time he was a member of the staff. Mrs Marion Hopkins also left to take up a post elsewhere so that we were left with Mr Phillips and Mr James. Only essential work was possible with such a small staff and many of the duties normally carried out had to be left undone.

I wish to thank the staff of the health department for their loyal support during the year and also the Officers and Staff of other departments, and the Members of the Council for their co-operation.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

A.G. ALEXANDER.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Area (in acres)	Including Foreshore 5,040
	Excluding Foreshore 4,502
Rateable Value	£1,076,231
Sum produced by Penny Rate	£4,248
Population-Registrar's figure for 1968	29,910

BIRTHS.

The number of births in the Borough was 386, made up of 204 males and 182 females, giving an adjusted birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated population of 13.4.

Year	Birthrate	Year	Birthrate
1967 ...	13.80	1962 ...	14.46
1966 ...	15.50	1961 ...	13.92
1965 ...	15.60	1960 ...	14.97
1964 ...	17.27	1959 ...	14.17
1963 ...	16.97	1958 ...	15.81

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

The total number of illegitimate live births registered to residents of the Borough was 19, giving a rate of 2.03 per cent of total live births.

The total number of illegitimate births registered during the last ten years is as follows:

Year	Illegitimate Births	Year	Illegitimate Births
1958 ...	10	1963 ...	12
1959 ...	16	1964 ...	23
1960 ...	23	1965 ...	16
1961 ...	12	1966 ...	19
1962 ...	9	1967 ...	31

STILLBIRTHS.

The number of stillbirths was 8, giving a rate of 20.00 per 1,000 live and still births and 0.26 per 1,000 population.

STILLBIRTHS - CAUSES.

1. Intra-uterine asphyxia and prolapsed cord.
2. Pre-eclamptic toxæmia.
3. Intra-uterine anoxia.
4. Intra-uterine death, placental insufficiency.
5. Placental insufficiency.
6. Foetal anoxia, maternal pyrexia.
7. Foetal abnormality, encephally and hydrannios.
8. A.P.H. accidental hæmorrhage.

COMPARISON OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS.

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	27.43	14.00	15.32	25.16	30.00
Perinatal Mortality Rate	40.87	40.85	29.86	44.80	26.66
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	33.53	28.51	13.33	23.00	26.00
Perinatal Mortality Rate	34.95	28.14	24.07	37.00	36.00

<u>GLAMORGAN:</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	28.13	29.49	22.89	24.60	27.46
Perinatal Mortality Rate					
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	26.66	20.79	21.17	19.00	21.00
Perinatal Mortality Rate	33.39	29.94	30.38	30.00	30.00

<u>ENGLAND AND WALES:</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	22.00	21.07	21.04	21.04	20.29
Perinatal Mortality Rate					
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	20.00	19.00	19.00	18.03	18.00
Perinatal Mortality Rate	28.20	26.90	26.03	25.04	25.00

DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered during the year of all ages was 390, 210 males and 180 females. This gives a crude death-rate of 13.0 and may be compared with the previous years in the following table:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>
1967 ...	12.30	1962 ...	16.40
1966 ...	14.45	1961 ...	14.25
1965 ...	13.61	1960 ...	14.11
1964 ...	15.39	1959 ...	13.84
1963 ...	14.36	1958 ...	12.56

The Ward distribution of deaths was as follows:-

North Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	125
South Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	160
Briton Ferry Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>390</u>

The Table on Page 4 gives a classification of the causes of death as recorded by the Registrar General. Age groups are given below:

Under 4 weeks	...	7	35-44 years	...	...	8
4 weeks & under 1 yr.	...	3	45-54 years	...	...	27
1-4 years	...	...	55-64 years	...	...	70
5-14 years	...	...	65-74 years	...	...	113
15-24 years	...	...	75 and over	...	...	146
25-34 years	...	...		

Transferable Deaths:

Thirty-four deaths occurred outside the district, i.e., being persons belonging to this district. These deaths are included in the total number of deaths 390 given above.

Seasonal Death Rate:

The following table gives the number of deaths for each quarter of 1968.

First quarter	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Second quarter	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Third quarter	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
Fourth quarter	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>390</u>

CANCER DEATHS.

The age distribution was as follows:-

<u>Ages.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
1 - 4 yrs.	0	0
5 - 14 yrs.	0	0
15 - 24 yrs.	0	0
25 - 34 yrs.	1	0
35 - 44 yrs.	1	2
45 - 54 yrs.	5	5
55 - 64 yrs.	11	5
65 - 74 yrs.	21	12
75 and over	8	10
Total	<u>47</u>	<u>34</u>

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	0	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	1	1
Meningococcal Infection	0	1	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm - stomach	10	5	15
Malignant Neoplasm - lung, bronchus	13	1	14
Malignant Neoplasm - breast	0	6	6
Malignant Neoplasm - uterus	0	1	1
Leukaemia	2	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	22	20	42
Diabetes Mellitus	1	2	3
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.,	0	4	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	6	4	10
Ischaemic Heart Disease	57	37	94
Other Forms of Heart Disease	14	25	39
Cerebrovascular Disease	21	23	44
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	5	14
Influenza	2	0	2
Pneumonia	12	13	25
Bronchitis and emphysema	13	4	17
Other diseases of Respiratory System	7	2	9
Peptic Ulcer	1	3	4
Appendicitis	0	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	0	2	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	0	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	0	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1	3
Other Diseases, Genito-urinary system	0	1	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	1	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	0	2	2
Congenital Anomalies	1	0	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	3	2	5
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	2
Symptoms and Ill-defined conditions	0	3	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	1	7
All other Accidents	2	4	6
Suicide and Self-inflicted injuries	0	1	1
	<hr/> 210	<hr/> 180	<hr/> 390

INFANT DEATHS.
(Under 1 year)

Cause of Death	Under 4 weeks (Neo-natal)	4 weeks and under 1 yr.	Total
Prematurity	2	0	2
Intrauterine death, difficult instrumentation	1	0	1
Meningococcal meningitis	0	1	1
Intracranial haemorrhage, prematurity, Rh. incompatibility	1	0	1
Bilateral broncho-pneumonia, inhalation of mucous	1	0	1
Peripheral circulatory failure, total atelectasis of lungs	0	1	1
Marasmus; failure to thrive; intestinal diarrhoea	0	1	1
Bilateral pneumothorax	1	0	1
Respiratory failure; myelomeningocele; spina bifida	1	0	1

The 10 infant deaths gives an Infant Mortality Rate
of 26.0

Comparative Figures of Infant Deaths for Previous Years.

1967	...	9	1962	...	12
1966	...	6	1961	...	7
1965	...	13	1960	...	7
1964	...	17	1959	...	13
1963	...	15	1958	...	17

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

					<u>No. of</u> <u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Rate per</u> <u>1,000 population.</u>
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	4	.13
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	5	.16
Measles	...	...	...	...	134	4.48
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0
Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	0	0
Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0
Acute pneumonia	...	...	...	...	0	0
Acute encephalitis	...	...	...	...	0	0
Typhoid fever	...	...	...	...	0	0
Paratyphoid fever	...	...	...	...	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	0
Food poisoning	...	...	...	...	1	.03
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	...	...	...	...	2	.06
Tuberculosis (Non Pulmonary)	...	...	...	...	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0
Ophthalmia neonatorum	...	...	...	...	2	.06
Anthrax	...	...	...	...	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table shows particulars of cases of Tuberculosis and the deaths from the disease in the area during 1968.

Age Groups	No. of Notifications of Tuberculosis				No. of Deaths from Tuberculosis			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
20-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

The number of cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register on 31st December, 1968 was as follows:

PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTAL
Male	Female	Male	Female	
141	116	38	38	333

GLAMORGAN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY VITAL STATISTICS 1968.

	Estimated population 1968	Live Births			Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	Deaths			Ratio of local adj Death rate to Nat.rate
		Rate per 1,000 population		No. of live Births		Rate per 1,000 Population		No. of Deaths	
		Crude	Adjusted			Crude	Adjusted		
England and Wales	48,593,000	822,000	16.9			577,000	11.9		
Administrative County	742,920	12,225	16.5	17.0	1.01	9,285	12.5	14.3	1.20
Urban Districts	524,650	8,215	15.7	16.2	0.96	6,723	12.3	14.6	1.23
Rural Districts	218,270	4,010	18.4	18.8	1.11	2,562	10.0	13.6	1.14
Health Division									
Constituent Districts									
Aberdare and	38,560	679	17.6	19.2	1.14	586	15.2	15.2	1.28
Mountain Ash	28,150	442	15.7	15.7	0.93	369	13.1	15.9	1.33
Caerphilly and	39,430	774	19.8	19.4	1.15	452	11.6	14.4	1.21
Gelligaer	34,640	616	17.8	17.8	1.05	409	11.8	15.3	1.29
Mid Glamorgan	15,190	188	12.4	12.8	0.76	156	10.3	11.1	0.93
	21,280	340	16.0	16.6	0.98	268	12.6	15.5	1.30
	20,390	327	16.0	16.5	0.98	262	12.8	15.6	1.31
	13,120	206	15.7	18.5	1.10	177	13.5	10.8	0.91
	49,310	1,052	21.3	20.4	1.21	607	12.3	11.7	0.98
Neath and	29,910	386	12.9	13.4	0.79	390	13.0	13.9	1.17
District	40,960	652	15.9	16.5	0.98	519	12.7	15.4	1.29
Pontypridd and	31,800	742	23.3	24.0	1.42	352	11.1	15.3	1.29
Llantrisant	35,060	547	15.6	15.9	0.94	470	13.4	13.9	1.17
Port Talbot and	9,430	185	19.5	18.9	1.12	104	11.0	16.2	1.36
Glyncoerrwg	51,310	756	14.7	14.6	0.86	557	10.9	14.8	1.25
South East	42,450	636	15.0	15.5	0.91	462	10.9	12.0	1.01
Glamorgan	28,030	536	19.1	17.6	1.04	338	12.1	13.3	1.12
	1,350	35	25.9	25.6	1.52	11	8.1	8.4	0.71
	22,530	363	16.1	18.4	1.09	167	7.4	13.0	1.09
	22,960	370	16.1	17.4	1.03	325	14.2	13.4	1.12
West Glamorgan	15,960	256	16.0	16.8	0.99	171	10.7	12.0	1.01
	26,080	408	15.6	16.7	0.99	321	12.3	13.5	1.14
	29,680	409	13.8	15.6	13.8	408	13.7	14.3	1.20
Rhondda M.B	95,590	1,320	13.8	14.2	0.84	1,404	14.7	16.8	1.41

	INFANT MORTALITY		PERINATAL MORTALITY		STILLBIRTHS	
	Deaths under one year	Rate per 1000 live births	Still births and deaths under one week	Rate per 1000 live and still births	No. of still births	Stillbirths rate per 1000 total births
England and Wales		18		14 25		14
Administrative County	254	21	372	30	212	17
Urban Districts	185	23	270	32	151	18
Rural Districts	69	17	102	25	61	15
Health Division.						
Constituent Districts.						
Aberdare and	19	28	19	28	6	9
Mountain Ash	9	20	20	44	13	29
Caerphilly and	22	28	27	34	13	17
Gelligaer	12	19	12	19	6	10
Mid Glamorgan	3	16	8	41	5	26
Bridgend Urban	4	12	10	29	8	23
Maesteg Urban	7	21	12	36	6	18
Ogmore and Garw Urban	4	19	3	14	1	5
Porthcawl Urban	21	20	32	30	18	17
Penybont Rural	10	26	14	36	8	20
Neath M.B.	16	25	17	26	8	12
Neath Rural	12	16	18	24	12	16
Llantrisant Rural	12	22	16	29	6	11
Pontypridd Urban	9	49	10	52	6	31
Glyncoerrwg Urban	17	22	27	35	15	19
Port Talbot M.B.	6	9	13	20	12	19
Barry M.B.	8	15	9	17	5	9
Cardiff Rural	-	-	1	28	1	28
Cowbridge M.B.	5	14	9	24	7	19
Cowbridge Rural	5	14	12	32	9	24
Penarth Urban	2	8	4	16	2	8
Gower Rural	7	17	16	38	12	29
Llchwyr Urban	5	12	13	31	9	22
Pontardawe Rural	39	30	50	37	24	18
Rhondda M.B.						

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

Number of houses inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts	3787
Number of visits of inspection in respect of the same ...	650
Number of houses found not in all respects to be fit for human habitation	78
Number of houses rendered fit after service of Notice ...	84
Number of houses subject to Notice at the end of 1968, the time having not expired	6

DEFECTS FOUND DURING INSPECTION AND REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR.

DRAINS: Defective, absence of, defective, constructed, defective fittings	5
DRAINS: Cleansed	50
WATER CLOSETS: Defective fittings, broken and defective pans, structural defects and dilapidations of the closet building	2
WATER SUPPLY: No supply, defective and insufficient supply, defective fittings	2
PAVING OF YARD AREAS: Defective yard paving, defective dish to gullies	1
GENERAL HOUSE REPAIRS: Dampness, defective roofs, rainwater troughings and downpipes, defective internal plastering, walls, woodwork, light and ventilation, defective firegrates and chimneys, absence of or defective food stores and coal stores	32
OTHER NUISANCES: Insanitary stables, pig sties and outbuildings, accumulation of refuse from domestic chimneys, house and trade refuse	31
All the defects were dealt with under the Public Health Acts.	

NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED.

(i) Informal	131
(ii) Statutory	9

Results of service of such notices.

(i) Informal Notices complied with	123
(ii) Statutory Notices complied with	9

UNFIT HOUSES BEYOND REPAIR.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED:

As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16
or S.17 (1) Housing Act, 1957 14

Local Authority owned houses 0

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED:

Under S.16 (4) 17 (1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and S.
26 Housing Act, 1961 0

Under S.17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 0

Parts of Buildings closed under S.18 Housing Act, 1957 0

PERSONS DISPLACED:

From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance
areas 123

From houses to be closed 0

FAMILIES DISPLACED:

From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance
areas 44

From houses to be closed 0

<u>REHOUSED IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
	123	44

RENT ACT, 1957.

There were no certificates of disrepair issued under the above
Act during the year.

DISINFECTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

No disinfections of houses were done during the year following
illness.

An arrangement has been made with the Pontardawe Rural District
Council for the cleansing of persons at their Cleansing Station, at an
agreed charge per case. Similarly, with the Mid-Glamorgan Hospital
Board for the steam disinfection of bedding and clothing.

DISINFESTATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Slum Clearance houses during displacement	...	...	0
Council houses reported infested	...	...	6
Privately owned houses reported infested	...	...	6

NEW DWELLINGS.

The number of New Dwellings erected during the year:

(a) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	30
(b) By other Bodies or Persons	...	...	...	72

Total number of dwellings built by Neath Corporation 2815

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

All areas are sewered except outlying farms, and one small semi-rural development of 7 bungalows. Existing sewerage system is not adequate and proposals for new outfalls, etc., have been prepared in draft and are awaiting Ministry of Housing and Local Government permission to proceed with first section. Disposal is by outfall into tidal waters and the present proposals for new outfalls include for sewage purification works at a later stage.

Number of dwellings without water closets	22
Number of dwellings drained to cesspools	7

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

Re-registration of his premises was requested by the keeper of the undermentioned Common Lodging House:

<u>Name of Keeper</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>No. of Reg. Rooms</u>	<u>No. of Reg. Lodgers</u>
Mr H.T. Rosser	68, Water Street, Neath.	3	15

On the 31st December, 1968, 6 men were staying in these premises. The majority of these lodgers were resident rather than casual.

Particulars are given below of the number of lodgers staying in common lodging houses on the 31st December for the past five years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Lodgers</u>
1963	8
1964	5
1965	8
1966	8
1967	8

A total of 6 visits were made to this Common Lodging House during the year to ensure the maintenance of cleanliness and good state of repair.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Reg.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>No. of Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Auth.	16	8	5	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	178	50	6	0
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	4	2	2	0
Total	198	60	14	0

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.</u>
			<u>Referred</u>		
			<u>To H.M.</u>	<u>By H.M.</u>	
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Insp.</u>	<u>Insp.</u>	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	6	6	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	0	0	0
(c) Defective water supply.	2	2	0	0	0
	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

OUTWORK:Section 110

<u>Nature of works</u>	No. of out- workers in Aug. list required by <u>S.110(I)(c)</u>	No. of cases of default in sending lists <u>to the Council.</u>	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to <u>supply lists.</u>
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Making etc. Wearing apparel Cleaning and Washing	1	0	0
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Section 111

<u>Nature of works</u>	No. of instances of work in unwholesome <u>premises.</u>	Not- ices <u>served.</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
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Making etc. Wearing apparel Cleaning and Washing	0	0	0
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DYFED ROAD SWIMMING POOL.

This pool has been operating since 1961 and has the following dimensions: 110ft. long, 40ft. wide, 3ft. 6ins. to 11ft. 6ins. deep. There is a smaller pool used by children 40ft. long, 12ft. wide and 2ft. 6ins. to 4ft. deep. The total capacity is 203,000 gallons and the pools are drained annually and refilled from the domestic mains supply. Filtration is by one horizontal pressure filter which has a capacity of 250 gallons per sq. ft. per hour. This results in 48,000 gallons being filtered per hour so that the turnover time is 4½ hours. The water is chlorinated by the "breakpoint" method and this is rigidly controlled by frequent sampling taken throughout each day. Results of water analyses are consistently good. There are a footbath and showers for males and females with 36 male and 27 female changing cubicles. Safety provisions include one minuteman resuscitation apparatus, one lifesaving pole 20 feet long and two direct Brooks' airway tubes. Two qualified lifesavers are on duty at all times. The building also contains public baths and a sauna bath.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, ORDERS AND REGULATIONS.

The number and nature of Food Samples taken for examination during the year 1968 were as follows:-

Apricot Chutney,	1	Lobidan Tablets	1
Adams Best Butter	1	Lyons Bakery Lemon & Orange	1
Almond essence	1	Lemon Pie Filling	1
Butter	2	Lard	2
Beef Curry with Rice	1	Lemon Juice	1
Beechams powders	1	Margarine	6
Bearnaise Sauce	1	Milk	45
Beef Stock Cubes	1	Mince Fies	1
Baked Beans	1	Mincemeat	2
Chicken stock tablets	1	Mixed Dried Fruit	1
Chloramphenicol tablets	1	Mint Jelly	1
Cystex tablets	1	Malt Vinegar	1
Chilblain tablets	2	Marmalade	1
Cookeen Cooking Fat	1	Mustard Sauce	1
Choconallows	1	Mixed Peel	1
Cream of Tartar	2	Menthol & Eucalyptus	
Chocolate Dessert	1	Inhalation	1
Creamed Coconuts	1	Mushroom Flavour Ketchup	1
Condensed Milk	2	Meringue Pie	1
Cherries	1	Mapletons Fru-Grains	1
Cheese	3	Non-Alcoholic Stimulant	1
Cooking Fat	1	Orange Drink	1
Chocolate Spread	1	Oxtail Soup	1
Caramel Dessert	1	Oxo Cubes	1
Cetavlon P.C.	1	Orange flavoured fillings	1
Cod Liver Oil Capsules	1	Peak Freaps Twiglets	1
Cream	1	Prune Juice	1
Cake Mix	1	Piccalilli Sauce	1
Chlorodyne	1	Petrolagar	1
Digoxin Tablets	1	Peanut Butter	1
Dried Mint	1	Plain flour	1
Diabetic Blackcurrent Preserve	1	Self Raising Flour	1
Double Devon Cream	1	Sage & Onion Stuffing Mix	1
Fruit Cake Mixture	1	Sausages	3
Ground Allspice	1	Sunny Spread	1
Gravy Browning	1	Swiss roll	1
Ground Cinammon	1	Sugared Strands	1
Horseradish Sauce	1	Sponge Mixture	1
Ice-Cream	10	Tea	1
Instant Coffee	1	Vegetable & Chicken Baby	
Jelly	2	Food	1
Jaffa Juice	1	Vinegar	1
Junior Veal Dinner	1	Yeast	1
		Vi-dafin	1
		Welsh Rarebit	1
		Yoghurt	2

SUMMARY.

Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	45
Other Foods	...	...	...	...	112
					<u>157</u>
Number of food samples taken - informal					111
Number of food samples taken - special					<u>1</u>
Total food samples analysed					<u>112</u>

RATION OF FOOD SAMPLES TO POPULATION:

Milk Samples (45)	...	...	...	...	1.50
Other Food Samples (112)			...	...	3.74
All Food Samples (157)	...	...	...	...	5.24

QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION:

	<u>Milk</u>	<u>Other Foods</u>	<u>Total</u>
First Quarter	18	34	52
Second Quarter	18	34	52
Third Quarter	0	19	19
Fourth Quarter	9	25	34

BOROUGH ANALYST

Dr. L.E. Coles, B.Pharm., Ph.D., F.P.S., F.R.I.C., County Public Analyst, was appointed Public Analyst for the Borough on the 24th September, 1963.

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES.

No. 113 "Non-Alcoholic Stimulant" which was unsatisfactory in that it was incorrectly labelled because it contained 2.6 parts per cent (v/v) of alcohol. The person concerned was interviewed and the contravention drawn to his attention.

No. 97N Prune Juice was unsatisfactory in that it contained an excessive amount of tin (Sn) and the can was extensively etched on the inside.

These were withdrawn from sale at retail outlet. The wholesaler was also contacted and further stock was withdrawn.

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES (Continued)

The special sample referred to above relates to a complaint from a resident in the Borough, of a foreign body in a tin of beans. The Public Analyst examined same and found that the insect was a wood louse (Isopoda) and that it had not been subjected to a heat treatment process of pasteurisation or sterilisation. He was further of the opinion, therefore, that the insect was unlikely to have been in the tin of beans before the can was opened.

ARTIFICIAL CREAM

All artificial cream sold in the Borough was in unopened receptacles, as received from the manufacturers. It is mainly used in the preparation of cakes, fancy pastries and trifles.

CONDENSED AND DRIED MILK REGULATIONS.

On inspection of stocks held in various food premises no case of incorrect description was found.

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1926

The Marking Orders under the above Act are operative and apply to imported eggs, bacon, dried fruit, meat and poultry, butter and margarine, apples, tomatoes, chilled salmon, honey, oats and malt products. Routine inspections were made to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Act.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1960

Two licences were issued during this year under the above regulations.

TUBERCULOSIS (AREA ERADICATION) ORDER, 1954

No animals were brought under licence into the Abattoir under the above Order.

INSPECTION OF DAIRY CATTLE

Routine inspection of dairy cattle in the Borough is the responsibility of the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Any matters of particular interest, including information relating to carcasses found during inspection at the Borough Abattoir to be affected with tuberculosis, are reported to the Divisional Veterinary Officer.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

During the year 45 samples of milk were taken and submitted for examination to the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>No. Submitted</u>	<u>No. Satisfactory</u>	<u>No. Unsatisfactory</u>
Pasteurised	13	13	0
Sterilised	12	12	0
Pasteurised (Channel Islands)	9	9	0
Homogenised	10	10	0
Pasteurised (School Contract)	1	1	0
	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>

The following table will indicate the percentage of unsatisfactory results of milk samples from 1963 to 1968:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Samples examined</u>	<u>Number Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Percentage Unsatisfactory</u>
1963	69	0	0.00
1964	95	1	1.05
1965	59	0	0.00
1966	36	1	2.77
1967	48	1	2.08
1968	45	0	0.00

An analysis of the Quarterly Return shows:

	<u>No. Submitted</u>	<u>No. Satisfactory</u>	<u>No. Unsatisfactory</u>
First Quarter , ...	18	18	0
Second Quarter ...	18	18	0
Third Quarter ...	Nil	Nil	0
Fourth Quarter ...	9	9	0

WATER SUPPLY

Water samples were taken monthly over the year for bacteriological and chemical examination at the Public Health Laboratories, Cardiff and Swansea, and copies of the results were submitted to the Borough Engineer. They were taken from the town supplies which are drawn from the Gnoll, Briton Ferry and Ystradfellte Reservoirs, after treatment. The first two supplies are filtered and chlorinated, but the latter is only chlorinated.

Results of water sampling for the year are as follows:-

Number of samples taken

Period	<u>Bacteriological</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>	
1 st Quarter, 1968 ...	4	0	4
2nd Quarter, 1968 ...	5	0	5
3rd Quarter, 1968 ...	2	2	4
4th Quarter, 1968 ...	1	1	2

Chemical

Period	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Quarter, 1968 ...	2	0	2
2nd Quarter, 1968 ...	5	0	5
3rd Quarter, 1968 ...	1	0	1
4th Quarter, 1968 ...	1	0	1

The unsatisfactory results were followed up and check samples taken with satisfactory results.

RAINFALL

	<u>Neath.</u>	<u>Briton Ferry.</u>
January ...	5.77	5.94
February ...	2.13	1.76
March ...	3.21	3.59
April ...	3.19	3.03
May ...	3.24	3.64
June ...	5.80	6.33
July ...	4.67	4.52
August ...	2.72	2.65
September ...	7.30	6.30
October ...	6.62	6.27
November ...	3.77	3.85
December ...	4.90	4.66
Totals	<u>53.32</u>	<u>52.54</u>

MEAT INSPECTION

Meat inspection was regularly carried out in the Borough Slaughter-house during the year and, when necessary, in the butchers' shops and stalls.

MEAT INSPECTION (continued)

Complete inspection is maintained and one or other of your Public Health Inspectors is engaged on a full time basis on this work. It will be appreciated that this involves evening work, as well as Saturdays and Bank Holidays.

Some butchers brought their own animals in for slaughter, but the majority are obtaining their supplies from wholesale dealers.

Most of the stock slaughtered was for butchers' meat and proved of good quality.

Regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals and the provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, were complied with.

Condemned carcasses, parts of carcasses and offal, were detained in the condemned room pending collection by the disposal contractors, and were coloured before being released.

The number of animals slaughtered in the Borough Slaughterhouse in 1968 was:

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
1,500	192	55	13,563	4,237	19,547

Cysticercus Bovis:

Particulars have been kept of the cases of this disease as found in the Borough Slaughterhouse since 1963 and are set out in the following table:

No. of Cattle killed and examined.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Total</u>
1963 ...	2722	166	2888
1964 ...	2810	176	2986
1965 ...	2443	165	2608
1966 ...	2404	181	2585
1967 ...	2329	252	2581
1968 ...	1500	192	1692

Carcases of which parts of
organs were condemned

Carcases sent for
treatment by refrigeration

Generalised
and totally
Condemned

12	12	0
15	15	0
15	15	0
12	12	0
6	6	0
6	6	0

Carcasses Inspected

	Cattle (excluding Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Number Killed	1500	192	55	13563	4237	19,547
Number inspected	1500	192	55	13563	4237	19,547

All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	2	6	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	675	160	6	3022	1078
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease (other than T.B. or Cysticerci)	45	83	10.9	15.5	25.2

Tuberculosis only:

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	32
Percentage of number affected with T.B.	0	0	0	0	.75

CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Carcases (complete)	4	1	6	3
Heads and Tongues	5	2	2	22
Heads only	0	0	0	12
Lungs	184	0	2382	731
Livers	301	0	1348	378
Part Livers	235	0	0	0
Hearts	4	0	0	27
Skirts	2	0	0	0
Melts	3	0	0	0
Plucks	0	2	32	38
Intestines	4	2	2	6
Tails	1	0	0	0
Kidneys	1	0	0	0
Udders	2	0	0	0
Parts of Carcasses	552	0	5	19½

Weight of Condemned Carcase Meat:

<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
1 ton 5 Cwts. 2 qtrs. 6 lbs.	3 C. 3 Q. 191bs.	1C. 3 Q. 61bs.	6C.1 Q. 10½lbs.

Weight of Condemned Offal:

<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
2 T. 12C. 1Qtr. 23 lbs.	1 T. 14 C. 1 Q. 181bs.	2C. 161bs.	16 C. 1 Q. 231bs.

Total Weight of Condemned Carcase Meat (all animals)

1 Ton 17 Cwts. 2 Qtrs. 13½ lb.

Total Weight of Condemned Offal (all animals)

5 Ton 6 Cwts. 1 Qtr. 24 lbs.

WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED DURING PERIOD 1963-68

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Cattle ...	3	0	0	0	1	0
Cows ...	5	2	4	2	7	4
Calves ...	3	0	1	2	0	2
Sheep ...	11	18	8	16	23	6
Pigs ...	3	7	6	8	4	3
	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>15</u>

Animals slaughtered during the period 1963-68

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Cattle ...	2722	2810	2443	2404	2329	1500
Cows ...	166	176	165	181	252	192
Calves ...	104	57	20	56	161	55
Sheep ...	20717	21034	18876	18576	20637	13563
Pigs ...	10913	10129	11471	8953	4851	4237
	<u>34622</u>	<u>34199</u>	<u>32975</u>	<u>30170</u>	<u>28230</u>	<u>19547</u>

MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS, 1968
MEAT INSPECTION CHARGES.

The following table shows the amounts which were paid for inspection of carcasses at Neath Borough Abattoir during 1968:

Cattle - 1692 inspections @ 2/6d	£211 - 10 - 0d.
Calves - 55 inspections @ 9d	2 - 1 - 3d.
Sheep - 13563 inspections @ 6d	£339 - 1 - 6d.
Pigs - 4237 inspections @ 9d	£158 - 17 - 9d.
Total	<u>£711 - 10 - 6d.</u>

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 to 1954

Renewal of licences under the provisions of the above Act were granted to 4 licensed slaughtermen during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Premises and vehicles are regularly inspected to ensure the proper handling of food, protection against contamination and to ensure compliance with these Regulations. Twenty-eight Notices were served during the year under these Regulations.

BUTCHERS' SHOPS

There were 23 shops and 5 stalls, mostly owned by individual butchers.

All these shops and stalls are periodically visited, mainly to determine the general conditions of the premises, equipment, cleanliness and disposal of waste. The visits were also made to examine their products and issue certificates where unsound goods were voluntarily surrendered.

OTHER PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS SOLD, STORED
OR PREPARED FOR SALE.

1. BAKEHOUSES:

There were 2 premises used in the production of bread and flour confectionery. No complaint of vermin was received during the year in respect of any of these premises.

2. AERATED WATER WORKS:

Two factories were engaged in the production of soft drinks, vinegar and gravy browning.

Samples of their products and the water supplies were taken during the year, with satisfactory results.

3. ICE CREAM:

Ice cream production in the area was made by the Cold Mix Method and supplied to businesses associated with the producers.

The main ice cream supply in the Borough is obtained from national firms but small quantities are procured from suppliers in neighbouring towns.

Ten samples were collected and submitted for examination in the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff, and the results given as follows:

<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>No results</u>
10	7	3	0	0	0

LABORATORY EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR PERIOD 1961-68

<u>Year</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Submitted</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Grade 1</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Grade 2</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Grade 3</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Grade 4</u>	<u>No. with</u> <u>no results</u>
1961 ...	17	12	1	0	0	4
1962 ...	11	10	1	0	0	0
1963 ...	17	15	0	1	1	0
1964 ...	7	1	1	0	1	4
1965 ...	7	7	0	0	0	0
1966 ...	12	11	1	0	0	0
1967 ...	22	17	3	2	0	0
1968 ...	10	7	3	0	0	0

There were 112 premises licensed to sell ice cream.

4. FISH FRYING BUSINESSES:

Seventeen premises were used in the sale of fried fish and chipped potatoes. No change in the structure or major alterations to equipment was noticed, but they were kept clean, waste was suitably stored and disposed of and no complaints received.

5. FISH SHOPS AND HAWKERS

There were 4 premises used for the sale of fresh fish. Conditions were satisfactory and no complaint was received.

Five persons used their vehicles for hawking fresh fish in the Borough, two of them being residents in the area.

6. HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND CANTEENS:

There were 45 hotels, restaurants and cafes catering for the needs of the public. On inspection some minor improvements and redecoration were carried out in some of these premises. No complaints were received during the year in the Borough.

7. HOSPITALS:

Periodical visits were made to Neath General Hospital in order to carry out examination of foodstuff, so as to ascertain its fitness for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered as unfit for human consumption at various shops, stores and warehouses in the Borough during 1968:

	Cwts.	Qtrs.	lbs.	Ozs.
1579 Tins Fruit, various	17	0	18	4
159 Tins and Pkts. Fish	1	0	0	8
2332 Pkts. Frozen Foods, Fish, Veg., etc.	10	2	27	14
612 Tins etc., Meat Products	15	3	24	5
393 Tins Milk and Milk Products	2	1	13	4
103 Tins & containers - Miscellaneous	1	2	9	1
1036 Tins, cases, etc., Vegetables	6	0	4	11
	54	3	12	15

Total: 2 Tons 14 Cwts. 3 Qtrs. 12 lbs. 15 ozs.

GENERAL INSPECTION OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following tables give a summary of the numbers and types of premises registered during the year, together with the numbers of persons employed therein, visits made, exemptions, etc.

TABLE "A" - REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS:

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of premises registered during the year</u>	<u>Total No. of registered premises at the end of year</u>	<u>No. of reg. premises receiving inspection during the year.</u>
Offices	4	159	4
Retail shops	9	307	9
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	0	23	0
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens...	1	48	1
Fuel storage depots	0	6	0
Totals	14	543	14

TABLE "B" - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES:

875

TABLE "C" - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE:

<u>Class of Workplace.</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	1053
Retail shops	1780
Wholesale establishments open to the public	240
Canteens	5
Catering establishments open to the public	347
Fuel Storage depots	22
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	3447

Total males ... 1303

Total females ... 2139

TABLE "D" - EXEMPTIONS

No applications for exemptions were received during the year 1968, and no current exemptions were in force under Part 1 - STAGE (Section 5 (2) or Part 11 - TEMPERATURE (Section 6).

Part 111 Sanitary Conveniences (Section 9):

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec.</u>	<u>No. of exemptions granted or extended during year</u>	<u>No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year</u>
Offices	2	0	0
Retail shops	6	0	0
Wholesale shops, warehouses	0	0	0
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	0	0	0
Fuel storage depots	0	0	0

Part IV Washing Facilities (Section 10):

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of exemptions granted or current at</u>		<u>No. of exemptions granted or extended during year</u>		<u>No. of applications refused or exemptions with-drawn during year</u>
	<u>31st Dec.</u>		<u>during year</u>		<u>year</u>
Offices	1	0	0	0	0
Retail shops	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	0	0	0	0	0
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	0	0	0	0	0
Fuel storage depots	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE "E" - PROSECUTIONS:

There were no prosecutions during the year.

TABLE "F" - INSPECTORS:

No. of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act 4

No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act 1

CONTRAVENTIONS:

Number of notices served year ending 31st December, 1968 88

Number completed 63

ACCIDENTS:

Ten non-fatal accidents were reported. These were fully investigated and there being no evidence of any negligence or failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in this respect, it was decided that no further action was required.

Advice was give in certain instances on additional safety precautions which would minimise the possibility of any further accident.

2. HAIRDRESSERS' ESTABLISHMENTS:

Inspections of these premises were carried out during the year to determine the conditions of the premises, cleanliness and removal of waste. Conditions were found to be satisfactory and no complaints were received. There are 25 of the premises used, 7 gentlemen, 17 ladies and 1 for mixed sexes.

3. OFFENSIVE TRADES:

An application was received from one person to continue the established offensive trade in the Borough, and consent was given. This was for one Rag and Bone Dealer: Messrs. Foner and Co., The Latt, James Street, Neath.

Frequent visits are made to these premises and considering the nature of the trade it was found to be satisfactory.

4. TENTS, VANS AND SHELS:

The Fairfield was used by persons associated with the Fairs and Circus, and it is provided with a water supply and sanitary conveniences.

5. CINEMAS AND BILLIARD HALLS:

The one cinema in the Borough was inspected to determine the condition of the sanitary conveniences and the general state and cleanliness of the premises.

Inspections were made of the one Billiard Club in the Borough. This was found to be satisfactory as to cleanliness and general maintenance.

6. LICENCED PREMISES:

There were 66 licenced premises and 22 registered clubs in 1967 situated within the Borough. On inspection conditions were found to be satisfactory.

7. PET ANIMALS ACT:

Three licences were granted under the above Act to persons trading in pet animals. The premises were visited and the conditions of the licences complied with.

8. THE RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951:

The re-registration of one premises under this Act was granted in 1968. On inspection of these premises the filling materials were found to have been obtained from licensed factories.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

RATS AND MICE INFESTATION.

	<u>Local</u> <u>Auth.</u>	<u>Dwelling</u> <u>Houses.</u>	<u>Agricul-</u> <u>tural.</u>	<u>Business &</u> <u>Industrial</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Properties inspected by Local Authority:					
(a) Notified as infested	13	261	0	59	333
(b) Otherwise	19	973	0	23	1015
2. Properties found to be infested by mice:					
(a) Major	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Minor	0	3	0	2	5
3. Properties found to be infested by rats:					
(a) Major	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Minor	32	1231	0	80	1343
4. Properties treated by Local Authority.	32	1234	0	82	1348

Surface Treatment:

Baits laid	4413	Dead rats found	459
Takes	2134	Dead mice found.....	7
No Takes.....	2279		

REFUSE TIP

The only Refuse Tip in the Borough is situated on marshland at Giant's Grave, Briton Ferry. Controlled tipping is carried out and the Council have a contract with Rentokil Laboratories for regular monthly treatment for rodent control.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The long standing complaint of dust emission from the cupola chimneys at a local Foundry was finally resolved during the year by the provision of 'wet grit arresters'. These seem to be working effectively and there have been no further complaints since they came into operation.

Some local industries are still operating older type plant burning solid fuel but generally the position in the Borough on both the industrial side and the domestic is satisfactory.

One application for prior approval of chimney height was submitted and the planned stack height was corrected in accordance with the Clean Air Act. Consultation was also made during the year with the Alkali Inspector in connection with emissions from the local heavy industry.

NEW FURNACES:

Two applications were received for prior approval during the year.

MEASUREMENT:

Pollution levels were continued to be monitored by the recording equipment at the Civic Centre but recording at Hengwrt School, Briton Ferry, was discontinued as the survey being carried out by Professor Lowe of the Welsh School of Medicine was completed during the year.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

The disposal of unclaimed bodies in the Borough (excluding hospitals) is the responsibility of the local authority, and arrangements to do so were made by the Health Department (Section 50, National Assistance Act, 1948).

Arrangements were made for the burial of one female under the provisions of this Act during the year.

